

Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
March 31, 2020 3:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting Hosted by FS Executive Committee

Present: Barker, Beatie, Byrne, Cook (M), Cook (S), Dodge, Douglass, Friesen, González-Abellás, Grant, Grimmer, Huff, Jones, Juma, Krug, Mazachek, Miller, Morse, Prasch, Ricklefs, Sainato, Schmidt (S), Smith, Stevens, Vandelsem, Wang, Wasserstein, Watson Woody, Zwikstra

Absent: Childers, Menninger-Corder, Pierce, Romig

Guests: Ball (A), Ball (J), Desota, Ellis

- I. Call to Order
- II. President's Opening Remarks
  - Thanks for the great meeting yesterday.
  - Elections committee is working to hold elections on D2L, please contact your representative on this committee.
    - i. From CAS, Krug (committee chair) and Schmidt
    - ii. From the Law Library, Miller
    - iii. Pierce from the Law School
    - iv. School of Applied Studies representative Sainato
    - v. Vandelsem represents the School of Business
    - vi. Menninger-Corder represents the School of Nursing
  - Next meeting will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Barker has been in communication with the Faculty Senate President from KU who communicated that there were only deans and chairs involved in the emergency decisions at KU. We are lucky to have a sense of shared governance here.
- III. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents: none
- IV. VPAA Update - Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek: none
- V. Old Business:
  - Resolution recommending extraordinary circumstances language to be added to academic policy re: COVID-19
    - i. Schmidt moved to approve Item 1, with a second.
    - ii. Barker asked if this needed to be reviewed by general faculty due its being placed in the WUPRM? There is a policy set up to permit an online vote regarding this in the constitution.
    - iii. Mazachek confirmed that it will end need to be seen by the BOR to confirm the language. Good for senate to put a stamp of approval

on it prior to WUBOR review. Also confirmed that Holthouse, Fried, Farley, and herself have reviewed it and believe that it can move forward in the fall with the rest of the handbook materials.

- Schmidt included in the document that it should go to general faculty, as we need feedback from the rest of campus. Not intended to be part of WUPRM yet.
- Mazachek noted there are some other policies university wide that are being affected by the pandemic and it would be good to codify the language.
- Barker confirmed the item is not urgent as it is setting guidelines for what happens in the future. Item number two is the one that is urgent.
- Julie ensured that there was nothing that would be slowing down the immediate policy changes by not moving quickly with this document. Barker affirmed this and entertained a vote.
- We are just modifying parts of the policy. Item 1 passed unanimously.
- Prasch motioned and Morse seconded the move to approve Item 2 motion
- Schmidt proposed three amendments.
  - i. Language regarding “part of semester courses” that needed addressed
    - I. Schmidt moved and Prasch seconded.
  - ii. The two points about withdraws with timelines.
    - I. Schmidt moved and Morse seconded
    - II. Cook (M) asked Mazachek if there is going to be financial aid available for those who W from a course. The response was that students are being encouraged to reach out and get consulted on this. If mistakes are made, they can be fixed after the fact.
    - III. Cook (M) asked if an F recorded could be moved to an automatic withdraw. Ball (J) suggested this such thing can be cleaned up later. There is a difference between an F and a W, as an F can count towards progress. Morse brought up the issue of the different types of Fs. Mazachek stated that it had not yet been determined how this would be addressed, but will be by the time grades come out.
    - IV. Cook (S) asked about students getting a W and it affecting outside scholarships.
    - V. Prasch offered a friendly amendment regarding the parentheses inside another parentheses.
    - VI. Passed unanimously.
  - iii. Final exams and scheduling.

- I. There needs to be clarity regarding when the final exam is. Students should be able to access their final exam during the time that they would have had an in person final.
- II. Prasch moved, Schmidt seconded.
- III. Byrne was concerned that this would lead to conflicts in time. Schmidt clarified that this provides that the conflicts will not take place. Basically it makes sure a student can access the final exam during, if not before the final exam period.
- IV. Approved unanimously.
  - Schmidt asked Mazachek how this new policy will this be communicated to the university as a whole. Her response was that the plan is to communicate these tomorrow. There will be a page on the website with a link to this, and a WU announcement going out to everyone.
  - Cook (M) asked that the message ensure that students know to contact their advisors when making plans.
  - Item was approved unanimously.
- VI. Discussion Items
- VII. Announcement
  - Early alert has been sent out. Please go on there and report the status of your students.
  - Watch the history channel.
- VIII. Adjournment 3:27 pm